

29 January 1958

Mr. James T. Ramey
Executive Director
Joint Committee on Atomic Energy
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ramey:

Thank you for the copy of the letter from Senator Pastore to the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, which you forwarded with your letter of 28 January.

Our interest in the proposed amendments to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 is, as you know, limited in scope, and we will have little to contribute on the specific questions in the Senator's letter. However, will be pleased to attend the Subcommittee hearing to give such testimony as the members desire.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Lawrence R. Houston
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Dear Mr. Houston:

Attached for your information is a copy of a letter dated January 28, 1958, from Senator John O. Pastore, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Agreements for Cooperation to Mr. Lewis L. Strauss, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission.

It would be appreciated if representatives of your agency would be prepared to testify also on these questions during their appearance before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely yours,


James T. Ramey
Executive Director

Enclosure

January 28, 1958

Mr. Lewis L. Strauss
Chairman
U.S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Strauss:

Thank you very much for your letter received today forwarding a copy of your letter dated yesterday from you to Mr. Durham enclosing proposed amendments to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, to permit greater exchange of information and materials with our allies.

As you know, the Subcommittee on Agreements for Cooperation, of which I am Chairman, has scheduled hearings in executive session commencing tomorrow afternoon, Wednesday, January 29, 1958, at 2:00 P.M., when I hope you will be able to be present.

I have only had an opportunity to make a cursory study of the proposed bill, but in order that our hearing may be as constructive as possible tomorrow, I hope that you will provide to the Subcommittee specific answers to the following questions:

1. How do the proposals on exchange of information submitted with your letter of January 27, 1958, differ from those discussed informally with members of the Joint Committee and at the President's legislative conference, in early December 1957? How do the provisions on transfer of materials differ?
2. (a) What weapons information may not be transferred under the proposed amendments to Section 144?

(b) Will blueprints and drawings be exchanged under amended Section 144? What security safeguards will be provided?
3. What specifically will be the procedure on each transfer of material to a foreign country? Will there be a separate bilateral agreement as to each transfer?

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How much indication will be given to the Congress as to the amount of material in each transfer? Will the agreements submitted to the Congress concerning transfer of material be open-ended or will they contain ceilings as to the amount of material to be transferred?

4. How much total material is contemplated to be transferred to each foreign country during the next seven years? Is it contemplated that payment will be made for the materials by foreign countries, or will they be transferred free?
5. Will each agreement to transfer material be submitted to the Joint Committee and the Congress for a 30-day period while Congress is in session? Will there be classified information in each agreement or will the full Congress have notice of the provisions of each agreement to transfer materials?
6. If each specific agreement to transfer materials is not to be submitted to the Joint Committee, what suggestions can you make to insure that the Joint Committee and the Congress will be fully informed as to the quantities of materials proposed to be transferred?
7. What price will the United States pay for plutonium purchased from foreign countries -- the military price of \$30 or the fuel value of \$12 per gram? If the military value is paid, we would appreciate some evaluation of the possible effects on the foreign civilian reactor programs.

I hope that you will be prepared to provide the Committee with full information concerning each of these questions tomorrow.

Sincerely yours,

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John O. Pastore, Chairman
Subcommittee on Agreements
for Cooperation